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### A BAD ORDER

Years ago General Sherman remarked that "war was h——." The truth of this definition is frequently forced upon our attention. The latest example is the order which Brigadier-General Smith acknowledges issuing in the Philippines, to burn all buildings, and kill all male inhabitants over ten years of age. The only excuse so far offered by General Smith is that in the tropics children develop rapidly, and that there are many boys of that age actively engaged as combatants. This is undoubtedly true and those so engaged are liable to all the pains and penalties of warfare. But to include in the killing all males over ten years is a bad order and must receive the condemnation of all Americans

While there is some question as to the exact order and some uncertainty as to its being a written order to be obeyed implicitly or a verbal order to be applied according to the conditions as found, the court martial now in session will determine all the circumstances. The report of this court martial will go direct to the President and he is therefore debarred from any action or opinion until he has the findings submitted.

But this should not delay the condemnation of the order as it stands and it must be unequivocally repudiated. In the discussion which has already started the Republicans should be emphatic and free in their utterances against this shocking order. Any other course will lead to a partial responsibility as an accessory after the fact and a quasi tolerance of its spirit. Mr. Sibley in the House and Mr. Lodge in the Senate have already expressed their views in no uncertain tones and others should be prompt in following. The cause of American sovereignty over the islands will not suffer by vigorous repudiation of the wrong.

At the best war is bad enough, and when waged against such a treacherous, barbarous foe as the Filipinos it is at its worst. The ruthless killing of wounded and unarmed prisoners is often met by similar acts of retaliation. A people that can not be won by kindness because they do not understand the word or act must be cowed by fear. The unspairing hand on one side must be met with a hand equally unspairing. There had been unspeakable atrocity committed by the people of Samar and stern measures were needed to deal with it. This could have been understood and accepted. But such an order as General Smith's was unjustifiable and intolerable and the brand of condemnation must be put upon it.

### AN ILLEGAL PAYMENT

After deciding to uphold the veto of the Comptroller in the matter of the bill of James W. Jester for $2,100 for oyster shells, the Levy Court passed the warrant. Without apparently giving the law a thought, Mr. Kelley had refused to approve the bill because it was for an amount greater than $500 and no contract had been awarded as required by law. Commissioner Ewart stated that he had stepped off the space covered and that he was satisfied the shells were there as stated in the bill, and he also said that the Lobdell Company bought shells at a total cost of two and a half cents per bushel delivered at the same place. In spite of this, the Levy Court paid Mr. Jester 6 cents per bushel.

In the past, attacks have been made on Comptroller Kelley because he had not vetoed certain bills. Here is a case where he does so and clearly defines the law under which he is acting and still the Levy Court over rules his action. It is not encouraging to say the least, to the Comptroller to turn him down in this manner. If bills are to be paid, regardless of him, better to abolish the office and save the salary and expenses. This bill may have been all right in every way except legally. We do not question the bill. But the taint of illegality is on it and must remain on it. The Commissioners who voted to pay the bill did an illegal act and are personally and individually liable under the law. It may be that this was the attraction to the committee of the ...sent. ...e court ..., ...t be called ...on to see that the law is enforced.

### THOSE ERROR LISTS

It was disclosed at the meeting of the Levy Court this week, that the error lists of the tax-collectors for White Clay Creek Hundred as well as those of St. Georges and Brandywine Hundreds, has disappeared. By a vote of 4 to 3 the Levy Court requested the three tax collectors to furnish duplicate lists, but it is "dollars to dougnuts" that the request is not complied with. The three commissioners who voted in the negative were Armstrong, Chandler and Megginson. There can be no valid reason why these duplicates should not be furnished and the tax-collectors themselves should be as anxious to have their records made straight as the majority of the Levy Court is to make it so. No man desires to rest under suspicion but until these lists are legally and truly a part of the public records all are to that extent under the cloud.

### SASSAFRAS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry were in Middletown Tuesday.

Mr. I. N. Vansant, Sr., of Galena, was in Sassafras on Wednesday.

Mr. Scott Burris visited his daughter, Mrs. Frank Sylvester, on Sunday.

Mrs. Frederick Robinson was entertained by Miss Mollie Othonson on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry entertained Rev. J. McLain Brown for dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Anthony Johnson and Mrs. Laura Townsend were Middletown visitors on Wednesday.

The County Convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held in Still Pond on Friday, May 23d.

Mrs. Sheppard Morris, Jr., who is visiting her parents near Baltimore, has a very sick baby.

There are great quantities of prime quality asparagus being shipped each day from this vicinity.

Mrs. Frank Sylvester and daughter returned home on Sunday, her mother being much improved.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross entertained Mr. Thomas Massey, of near Masseys, at luncheon on Monday.

Mr. Thomas Stevens, of near "Black's Station," was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston on Sunday.

There were services in both churches here last Sunday. It being such a lovely day the attendance was large.

Mrs. Rachel Stradley left on Sunday for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Thomas Stevens, near Black's Station.

Mrs. Ann Shepherd, of Middletown, was the guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shepherd on Wednesday.

Rev. R. M. Reece, of Chestertown, attended the meeting of New Castle Presbytery in Wilmington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Robinson, of near town are entertaining Mrs. Taylor and Miss Culps, of Philadelphia.

The Queen Anne's Railroad is now making connections with steamers at Kent Island instead of Queenstown.

The beautiful wild violets are more plentiful this year than usual. The children gather them in huge bunches each day.

The Ladies Improvement Association have decided to have a Rose Show and Children's Carnival the first week in June.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry were the guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. William Spry of near Galena for dinner on Monday.

Mrs. John Johnston who has been a great sufferer for a long while with rheumatism we are pleased to state is much improved.

Mrs. McLain Brown, guest and daughter, of Warwick, were callers on Mrs. Robert S. Griffith and Mrs. Frank Sylvester on Monday.

A terrific wind storm struck our town early Saturday morning and blew at a frightful rate all day, and at night the noise was terrible from the wind.

Mrs. Jesse Shepherd and little daughter Jessie, of Middletown, were entertained at luncheon at her mother's, Mrs. Bell Caulk's on Wednesday.

Master William and Masten Shallcross, sons of Jacob T. Shallcross were the guests of Medford Brooks son of Postmaster Brooks, of Chestertown, on Saturday and Sunday last.

Owing to the Teachers Association being held in Chestertown there will be no school in our public schools in Kent County. An elaborate program is being arranged by Prof. Joseph Peterson.

Miss Alice Dreka left on Thursday last for McDonough to visit Miss Ethel Lofland where she will remain until the last of this week. She attended the dedication of the new Catholic Church at "Clark's Corner" on Thursday, near Delaware City.

Under the auspices of the M. P. Church there will be ice cream for sale every Saturday evening at the Sassafras Post Office. This is for a good cause, and we do trust it will be well patronized. The ladies of the church take this mode to meet the expenses of their church.

The Northern Convocation of the diocese of Easton, of which Rev. Giles B. Cooke, of North East, is dean, will convene in St. Paul's Church, Kent County, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Extensive preparations are being made and all who comes will be most welcomed and cared for.

The relatives here were sorely grieved to learn on Tuesday of the sad death of Miss Mattie Lewis, a beautiful, bright young girl who was burned to death on Monday by lighting a fire with coal oil during the absence of the servant. Miss Lewis has often visited here as she is an own cousin of Messrs. Elwood and Frederick Robinson of near town; R. Delber...

### BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Mr. William Berry spent Saturday and Sunday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Susan J. Smythe is being entertained by friends in Smyrna.

Mr. A. Henry Donovan spent part of this week in Washington, D. C.

Miss Effie Berry spent a few days this week with Miss Alice Settle in Chesapeake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jones, of Kennedyville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Wilson P. Berry.

Miss Clara Paxson, of Summit Bridge, is being entertained by Miss Helen Ellison.

Mr. James Clark, of Delaware City, spent Monday and Tuesday of this week on the Manor.

Misses Marian and Mattie Cleaver entertained a great many of their friends on Thursday evening in honor of their guest Miss Nellie Egee, of Chesapeake City.

Quite a number from here attended the play entitled "A Dress Rehearsal," in the Masonic Hall of Chesapeake City, given by the Daughters of the Confederacy of that town on Tuesday evening.

The friends of Miss Ida Bouchelle gave her a party at her home in Chesapeake City on Friday evening last. The principle feature of the evening was "A Musical Contest." The prize—a beautiful bouquet of "Tulips"—was won by Miss Myrtle Berry, of Middletown. Guests were present from Kirkwood, Middletown, Cecilton, Delaware College, Bohemia Manor and Chesapeake City.

### WARWICK HAPPENINGS

The Public School closes the 23d of May.

Miss Elsie Marsh is spending sometime in Chester.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss Millie Piser has returned from Philadelphia.

Misses Daisy Day and Bessie Merritt spent Friday with Mrs. U. P. Ginn.

Professor Johnson, of the Public School, spent Saturday and Sunday in Elkton.

Miss Emma Vinyard spent part of this week with Miss Edna Stephens of Cecilton.

Mrs. Elwood Williams, of Washington, D. C., is expected here for an indefinite time.

Miss Hattie Day who has been spending sometime in the Monumental City is expected home this week.

Invitations have been received here for the birthday reception of Miss Bertha Finley, May 2d, at her home near Appleton, Md.

Service at the M. P. Church Sunday 10.30 A. M. Christian Endeavor prayer-meeting 7 o'clock. Topic: "Prayer a Necessity." Matt. 26: 36-46.

We regret very much to state that Miss Nora Finley, assistant teacher of our Public School has resigned for the Spring term. During her stay here she has won many friends and the community will surely miss her. An invitation is always extended to her to visit our town when convenient.

### Select Election Officers

The Regular Republican County Committee held a meeting Saturday afternoon at the club rooms of the Young Men's Republican Club, No. 810 King street, Wilmington. The names of registrars, assistants and associates were submitted by the hundred committees and they will be forwarded to Governor Hunn. The Regulars hope to get the appointments while the Union Republicans say they are to get the plums.

### CECILTON SIFTINGS

George G. Morgan visited his parents in Baltimore last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Black are spending a few days with Mrs. Storr in Baltimore.

Mrs. W. F. Spear, of Baltimore, is being entertained by Miss Ella Woodall.

Miss May Smith was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Atwell at Betterton.

Miss Agnes Jamison, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. Annie Jamison in town.

Misses Ethel Loller and Ethel Duhamell spent Tuesday evening with Miss Rena Price.

Miss Dessie Boulden is quite busy with her music scholars now, as they are increasing in number.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Jr., and little daughter, spent a few days with their parents in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark with Mrs. James Smith were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. George Pearce one day last week.

### Many School Children are Sickly

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The social event ... last week was the elaborate entertainment given by County Commissioner Lewis P. Atwell and wife, at their historic residence near town on last Thursday evening in honor of the Mite Society of the M. E. Church. There were more than fifty guests present, and the collation served was most elegant and elaborate, there being some half dozen tables with ices, ice cream, fruit, bananas and cake which was served in abundance. A delightful evening was enjoyed, and in the wee small hours when the guests took their departure they thanked Mr. and Mrs. Atwell for such a lovely and pleasant evening and trust soon to have a happy returning.

There was a very pretty home wedding solemnized near Chestertown on Wednesday evening last, the marriage of Miss Ella Veazy Ford and Mr. William R. Clough. Owing to the bride's mother being ill all winter, and wishing to witness the marriage of her daughter, they had to forego the church wedding as was intended, and only the relatives were invited to be present. The bride is a beautiful brunette, and looked lovely. The bride's dress was a very handsome costume of steel crepe dechene and lace with hat and gloves to match, and carried a magnificent bouquet of bride roses. Miss Susie B. Ford, a very beautiful girl, and sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and wore pink satin with applycay trimmings. David Ford was best man. The bride was given away by her father, William Ford. Rev. G. P. Smith, of Wyoming, Del., a relative of the groom, performed the marriage. After the ceremony a luncheon was served at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clough departed for their home accompanied by the guests, where an elaborate dinner was served consisting of oysters, poultry, chicken salad, Maryland biscuits, etc. Among the guests were: Rev. G. P. Smith and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. Romie Byron, Miss Florence Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Story, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moffett, Miss Baldwin, Miss Sarah Clough, Prof. Frederick Wolfe, of Baltimore; Alexander T. Laws, Miss Blanche Smythe, Mrs. Fountain and son, Mr. and Mrs. William Ford. A most delightful evening was spent in the beautiful, historic home of the groom.


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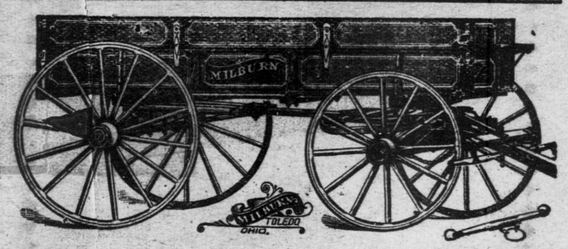


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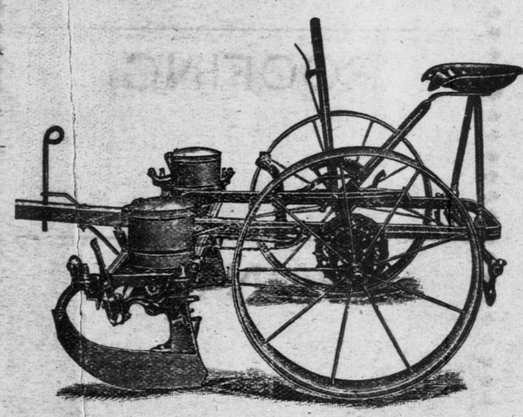

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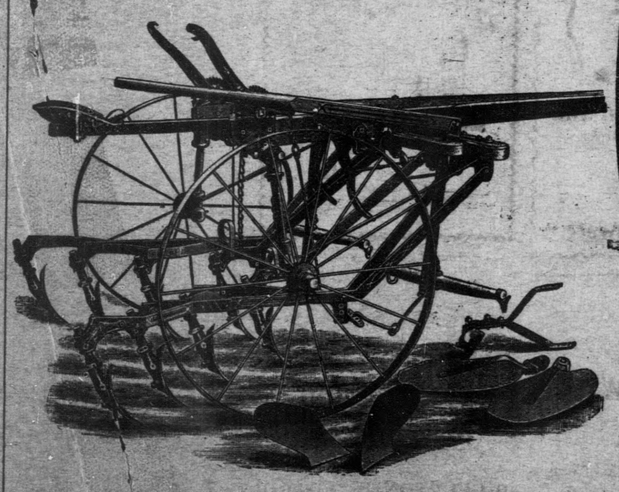

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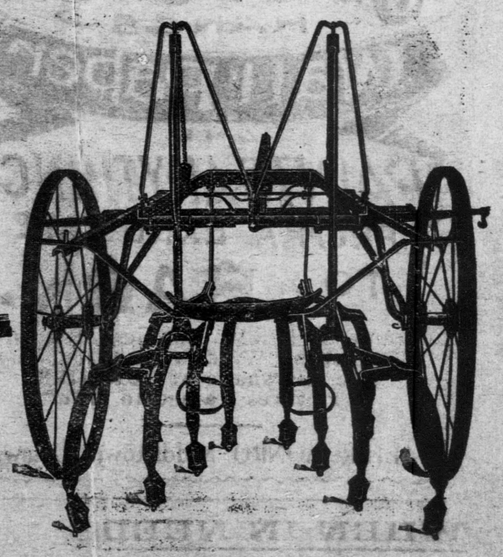

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